

PROCLAMATION **DAYS OF PRAYER AND REMEMBRANCE**

September 6-8, 2002

WHEREAS, as we remember the tragic events of September 11, 2001, and the thousands of innocent lives lost on that day, we recall the outpouring of compassion and faith that swept our Nation in the face of evil done that day; and

WHEREAS, all citizens are encouraged to join together in their cities, communities, neighborhoods and places of worship to honor those who were lost, to pray for those who grieve; and

WHEREAS, all citizens are encouraged to seek the wisdom, patience and strength to bring those responsible for the attacks to justice and to press for a world at peace; and

WHEREAS, for the families and friends of those who died, each new day has required new courage; their perseverance has touched us deeply and their noble character has brought us hope. We stand with them in faith, and we cherish with them the memory of those who perished; and

WHEREAS, the events of September 11 altered our lives, the life of this nation, and the world. Americans responded to terror with resolve and determination, first recovering, now rebuilding, and at all times, committing ourselves to protecting our people and preserving our freedom; and

WHEREAS, we have found hope and healing in our faith, families and friendships. As we confront the challenges before us, all citizens are encouraged to join in these Days of Prayer and Remembrance by praying for continued protection and for the strength to overcome great evil with even greater good; and

WHEREAS, President George W. Bush has proclaimed September 6-8, 2002, as National Days of Prayer and Remembrance, calling upon all people of the United States and the world, and places of worship to mark these days with memorial services, the ringing of bells and evening candlelight remembrance vigils; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 6-8, 2002, **DAYS OF PRAYER AND REMEMBRANCE** in the state of North Dakota.

Signed, John Hoeven Governor

Attested, Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State